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AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE CHARISMATIC FANTASY. CHIGUSA HAS BEEN BURDENED WITH THE FATE OF BEING A DEATH GOD FOR THE PAST 1,000 YEARS. AFTER GAINING BACK HIS MEMORIES, RAKAN AND CHIGUSA RESOLVE TO FIGHT WHILE GOING AGAINST HOSHIMINOKOTO.....?! CHIGUSA WAKES UP!! THIS IS THE MUST-READ VOLUME 18, WITH A 5-PAGE EXTRA STORY "DISCOVERY 1 & 2"!!

杉浦志保先生のコミックス

SILVER DIAMOND ①～⑱
KOORI NO MAMONO NO MONOGATARI
GAIDEN
CINDERELLA〈BOY〉KAKURITSURON

ISAGI-KOJIMA

〈TOSUISHA BUNKOS〉
KOORI NO MAMONO NO MONOGATARI
14 VOLUMES IN ALL

MOTTO?! KOORI NO MAMONO NO MONOGATARI
~ILLUSTRATION AND DATA FILE~

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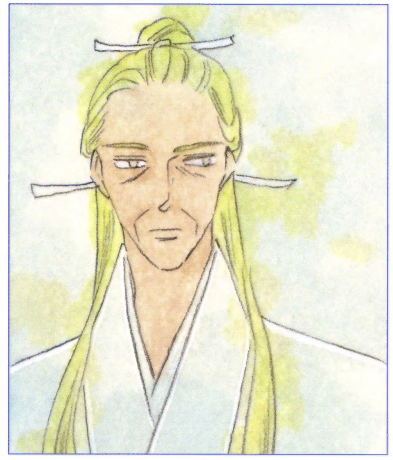

● HOSHIMINOKOTO'S NAME (星示御言) IS THE ONE MOST COMMONLY MISSPELLED (YOU WERE THE ONE WHO THOUGHT OF IT!). WHEN I'M IN A HURRY, I ALMOST WRITE THE CHARACTER FOR "MI" (御) RIGHT AFTER THE CHARACTER FOR "HO" (星) INSTEAD... SINCE IT'S A TROUBLESOME NAME, I ALWAYS PUT HIS NAME IN ALL KATAKANA* WHEN IT IS MENTIONED, BUT THAT IS ALSO QUITE TIME-CONSUMING AND ALMOST HAND-CRAMPING. THESE DAYS I LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE HIS NAME WITH ☆ SYMBOLS...

*T.N.: [ホシミノコト (HOSHIMINOKOTO IN KATAKANA) VS. 星示御言 (HOSHIMINOKOTO IN KANJI)] KATAKANA IS THE JAPANESE ALPHABET USED FOR FOREIGN NAMES, AND SOMETIMES FOR EMPHASIS. KATAKANA CHARACTERS HAVE LESS STROKES THAN KANJI CHARACTERS, BUT THE DOWNSIDE IS IT'S ALSO LONGER TO WRITE. HONESTLY THOUGH, HOSHIMINOKOTO'S NAME IS SUCH A PAIN TO TYPE OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

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SILVER DIAMOND
シルバーダイヤモンド

THE SOLE MEMBER OF THE SENROH FAMILY, AND HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH THE CYCLE OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR MORE THAT 250 YEARS NOW.

treasures

feels he has the same fate with

A KIND-HEARTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. HAS THE POWER OF THE SANOME, THE ABILITY TO GROW THE ALTERNATE WORLD'S PLANTS AT WILL. HAS THE SAME FACE AS THE PRINCE IN THE CAPITAL.

siblings who have the same face?

ALTERNATE WORLD CAPITAL

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN THE ALTERNATE WORLD. HAS THE POWER TO PREDICT THE AYAME PRINCE.

Enemies

using each other

THE PRINCE'S SOLE AIDE.

Cooperating with

HEAD OF THE SHIGEKA FAMILY.

THE SOLE MALE IN SHIGEKA, THE FAMILY THAT PRODUCES SANOMES. THE SNAKE KOH IS HIS COMPANION.

valued comrades

Siblings

HAS A NUMBER NAME.

valued comrades

Real Siblings

THE LEADER.

HAS A NUMBER NAME.

Comrades

EX-FRONTIER GUARDS
SANOME PRINCE'S GUARDS

ALTERNATE WORLD FRONTIER

◆ ONE DAY, A PERSON FROM AN ALTERNATE WORLD NAMED CHIGUSA FALLS INTO RAKAN'S GARDEN. HE CALLS RAKAN A "SANOME", SOMEONE WHO CAN GROW PLANTS AT WILL, AND TELLS HIM THAT HE NEEDS HIM. ◆ RAKAN GOES TO THE ALTERNATE WORLD WITH CHIGUSA AND THE OTHERS, AND THEN TRAVELS ON TO THE CAPITAL, WHERE THE AYAME PRINCE RESIDES, TO RETURN THE GREENERY IN THE ALTERNATE WORLD AS THE SANOME PRINCE. ◆ HOSHIMINOKOTO SHOWS UP IN VARIOUS AREAS, SAYING THAT "RAKAN" IS THE SANOME THAT WILL SAVE THIS WORLD. ◆ TOHJI REALIZES THAT HIS ROLE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WAS TO BE THE "PRINCE'S EYES", AND DISTANCES HIMSELF FROM HIS COMRADES. ◆ SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS TO CHIGUSA'S BODY, SO RAKAN GRABBED CHIGUSA'S HEART. HOSHIMINOKOTO APPEARS AT THAT MOMENT AND TELLS RAKAN THAT CHIGUSA'S MEMORIES WILL VANISH. UPON HEARING THIS, RAKAN ASKS HOSHIMINOKOTO TO GIVE SOME OF CHIGUSA'S MEMORIES TO RAKAN HIMSELF. AND THEN, IT IS REVEALED THAT CHIGUSA IS THE SOLE MEMBER OF THE SENROH FAMILY. HE WAS BORN AS THE "DEATH GOD" BECAUSE OF HOSHIMINOKOTO AND WENT THROUGH THE CYCLE OF GETTING KILLED AND COMING BACK TO LIFE WITHOUT HIS MEMORIES. BEFORE CHIGUSA COULD DESPAIR ABOUT HIS INESCAPABLE FATE, RAKAN APPEARS ANGRY...!

STORY&CASTS

Confession to him

Hello! Sugiura here, with no time to spare as usual.
I can't handle my volume's serious atmosphere,
so I think I'll at least make the extra stories a little more cheerful.
I wanna draw lots of 4 panel comics and pillow fights~
Ah~ I wanna eat cake~ (That's irrelevant.)

Oh, the time! That's it for now!

I LIKE SUNSETS.
WHEN I LOOK BACK AT THE MOUNTAINS
ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL,
I CAN SEE THE SUN SETTING,
PAINTING THE SKY CRIMSOM.
SEEING THAT COLOR ...
SOMEWHAT LIGHTS UP MY HEART.

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WHAT IS THIS FEELING,

I WONDER....

Confessions

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シルバーダイヤモンド

WHAT...
WHAT THE HECK...
...HAVE YOU BEEN MAKING HIM DO FOR THE PAST 1,000 YEARS?
.....“RAKAN”.....?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S THE ROLE OF A “DEATH GOD”?!
HE'S SUFFERED THROUGH SO MUCH!
HE RECALLED SUCH TERRIBLE MEMORIES,
SO MANY, MANY TIMES!
...ISN'T IT IMPOS-SIBLE...
...TO BEAR A THOUSAND YEARS' WORTH OF THOSE?!

....THIS IS A DREAM.
A MEMO-RY.
I...
can handle it.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HIM!
...?
....
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT YOU.
...IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...
.....THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH HIM....
TO TALK
TO HIM....
He
is not human.

YOU...
CAN'T GET THROU-GH TO HIM.
I did not create a soul for him in the first place.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER HE'S HUMAN OR NOT,
HE HAS A SOUL!
HE FEELS PAIN...!
He is part of the world I created..
He is something I created.
YOU DON'T OWN HIM!
WHA
A "SOUL".
ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CREATE...!
...DO YOU THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE....
IS HOSHIMINOKOTO A "GOD"..?

TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT?!
YOU'RE ALLOWED...
YOU'RE A GOD,
LIFT
RAKAN!!

*T.N. Spelled with Chigusa's name when he was younger

..THAT..
IT'S A MEMORY OF "HOSHIMINOKOTO"
THAT JUST NOW
WAS A MEMORY OF MINE
...IT'S ALL RIGHT!
...YEAH...
I KNOW YOU..
CHIGUSA. ARE YOU OKAY?!
DO YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING ..?!
YOUR MEMORIES, ARE THEY STILL THERE?
DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
CHIGUSA .. !
IT DIDN'T AFFECT RAKAN AT ALL
YOU POOR, POOR THING!
...YOU POOR THING!
WHOMP

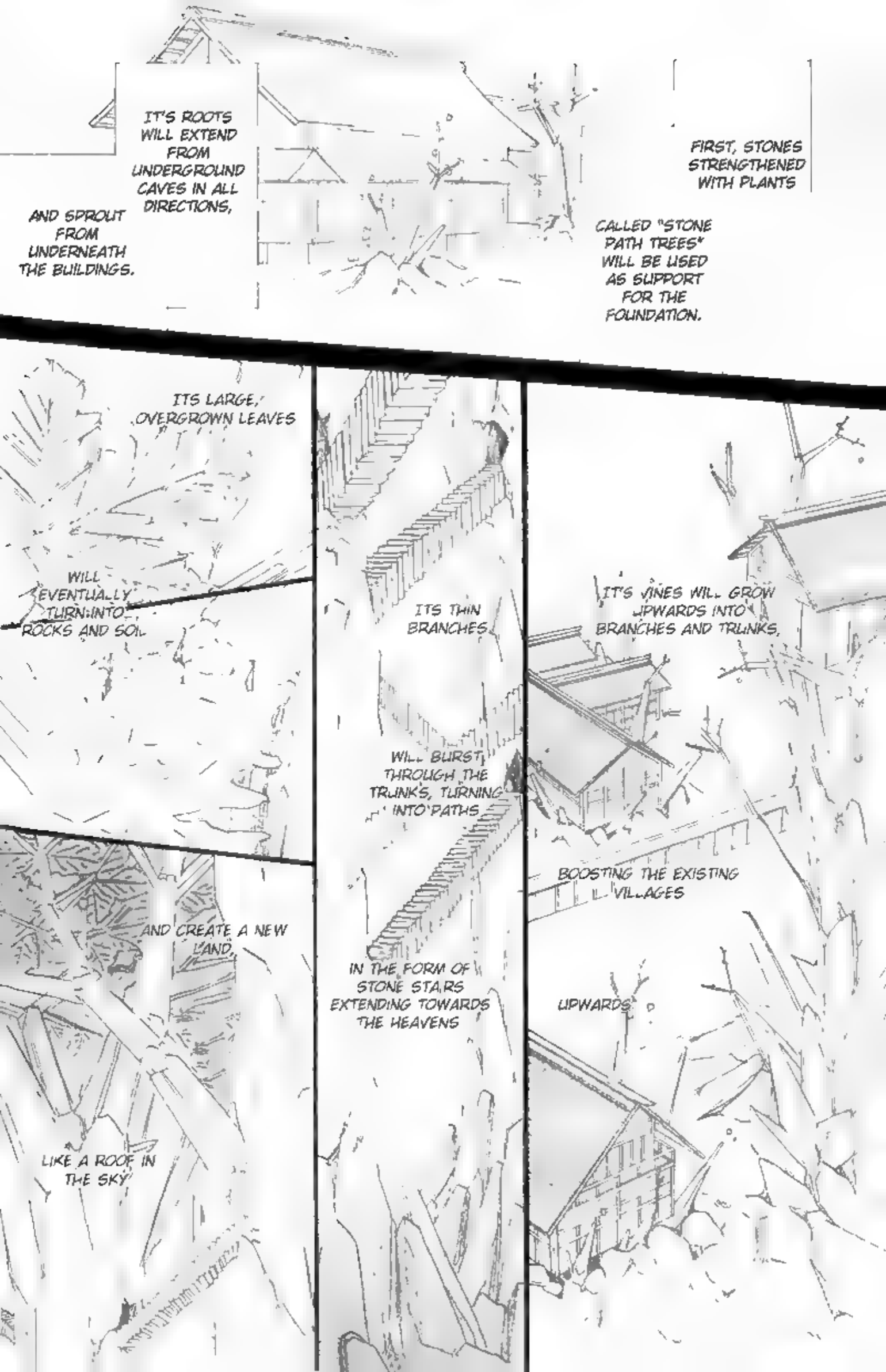
I FEEL
SO SORRY FOR YOU...
CHIGUSA
DIDN'T HAVE
WHILE ALL MY FRIENDS DIE BEFORE ME.
I'D HATE IT IF I WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO LIVES A LONG LIFE,
THAT'S TRUE.
IT WOULD SUCK TO BE ALL ALONE
"IT CAN'T DIE"
"EVEN IF IT WANTS TO "
POOR THING.
I CAN'T AVOID
YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING ALL BY YOURSELF...
FOR A 1,000 YEARS NOW...
...FOR THE PAST 1,000 YEARS,
ANYONE TO SHARE HALF,
OR EVEN A QUARTER
OF THE PAIN WITH!
NO ONE AT ALL...!

HE WON'T...BE ABLE TO APPEAR FOR A WHILE.
.....
...NO,
HE'LL JUST COME OUT AGAIN...
WHY DOES HE COME OUT FROM THE SHINING SAND?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO APPEAR FROM IT...
IF YOU COVER THE LIGHT,
...THE SHINING SAND....
...IS THE MEDIUM.. FOR HIS CONSCIOU-SNESS...
IS HOSHIMI-NOKOTO...
AKIICHI S "SHINING SAND"
gasp
!
NEAR US RIGHT NOW...?
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
...HEY, WHY IS HE A GHOST?
...NO.
WHAT?!
IS HE DEAD?
FWIIIIISH
THEN IF I WRAP IT UP TIGHT...HE WON'T COME OUT, RIGHT?
FWISH
SORRY, AKIICHI!
HIS MIND AND BODY HIMSELF.
THE CONNECTION BETWEEN...
HE CUT...

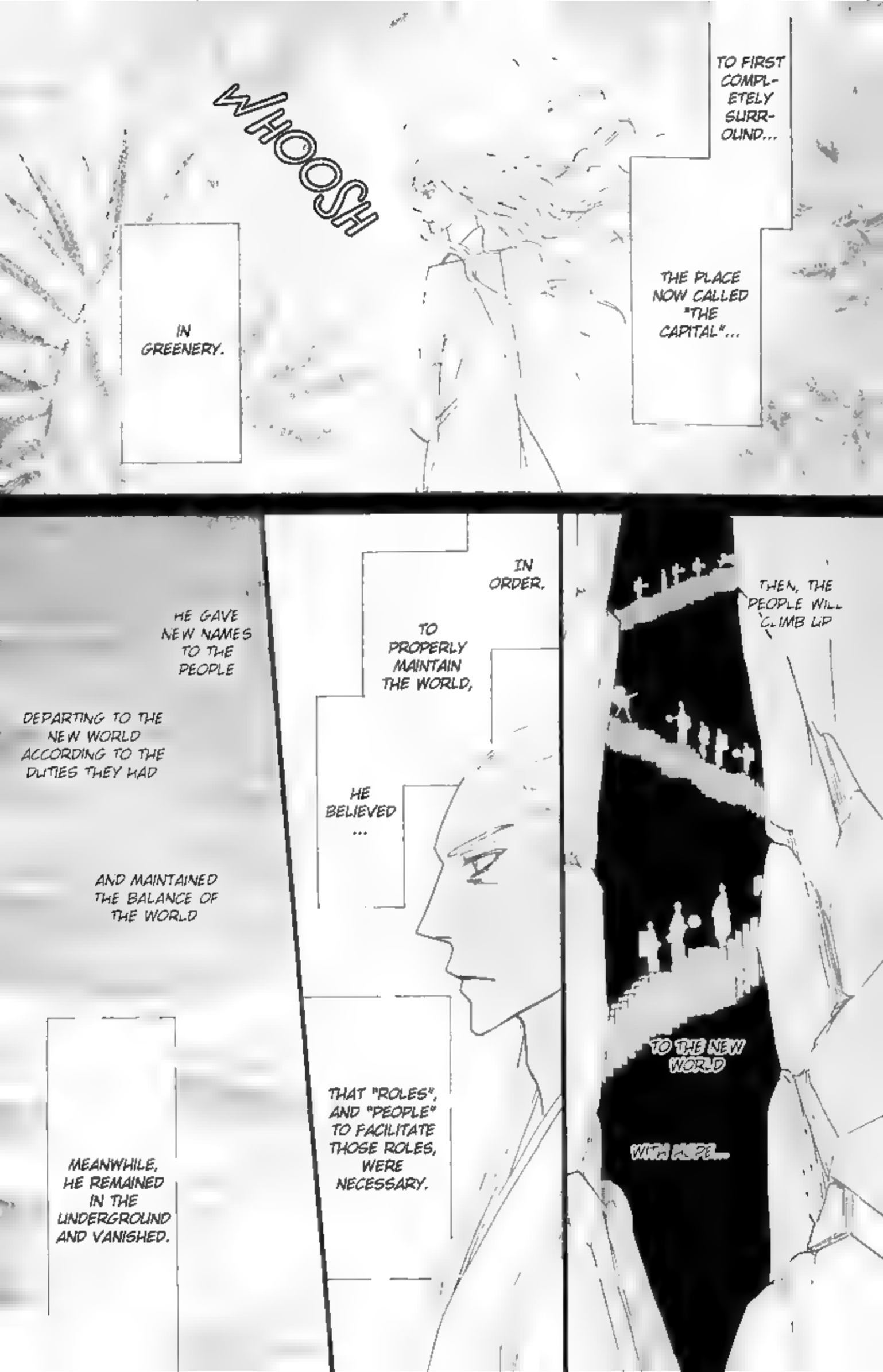
IN ORDER TO..
GUIDE AND WATCH OVER THE WHOLE WORLD
FOR ALL ETERNITY,
HE MERGED HIMSELF INTO THE "WORLD".
whoom
swish
swish
swish
WHAT?
WHAT ..?
IN ANY CASE,
WE NEED LIGHT...
swish
rustle
I COULDN'T WIN AGAINST HIM FOR THE PAST ..
1,000 YEARS.

GOD, AFTER ALL...
HE'S .
OH MY, IT'S A SHINING FLOWER!
POP
swish
swish
HOW PRETTY...!
A LITTLE OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO,
THERE APPEARED A SEEMINGLY GENETICALLY-ADVANCED...
LONE PRODIGY.

INITIALLY, HE
MADE ALL SORTS OF EFFORTS FOR THE EARTH,
THAT HAD LONG SINCE RUN OUT OF NUTRIENTS
HOWEVER, IN TIME, HE STARTED THINKING
HE
CREATED ONE UNUSUAL PLANT AFTER ANOTHER,
WHAT IF
HE COULD MAKE A NEW FOUNDATION IN THE HEAVENS?
CONTROLLED STONES AND MADE THEM MOVE,
COULD SEE AND HEAR THINGS FROM AFAR,
AND POSESSED SUPERHUMAN "POWERS".
WHAT IF, FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE
HE TRIED ARTIFICALLY CREATING A NEW WORLD
THAT WAS MUCH CLOSER TO THE SUN,
...FOR THE SAKE OF THE DISTANT FUTURE,
WITH RICH EARTH, OVERFLOWING WITH GREENERY?
HE USED ALL THESE POWERS TO HELP THE PEOPLE


IT'S ROOTS WILL EXTEND FROM UNDERGROUND CAVES IN ALL DIRECTIONS,
AND SPROUT FROM UNDERNEATH THE BUILDINGS.
FIRST, STONES STRENGTHENED WITH PLANTS
CALLED "STONE PATH TREES" WILL BE USED AS SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION.
ITS LARGE, OVERGROWN LEAVES
WILL EVENTUALLY TURN INTO ROCKS AND SOIL
ITS THIN BRANCHES
WILL BURST THROUGH THE TRUNKS, TURNING INTO PATHS
IT'S VINES WILL GROW UPWARDS INTO BRANCHES AND TRUNKS,
BOOSTING THE EXISTING VILLAGES
AND CREATE A NEW LAND,
IN THE FORM OF STONE STAIRS EXTENDING TOWARDS THE HEAVENS
UPWARDS
LIKE A ROOF IN THE SKY

THAT ..
IS THE CURRENT "AMATO EMPIRE".
A HUMAN-SHAPED PLANT THAT HAD THE "POWER"...
TO MAKE PLANTS GROW FASTER WAS CREATED
AND AS FOR THE WATER SOURCES NEEDED BY THE LAND,
TO MOVE AROUND AT THE CORE OF THE ROCK BASES HERE AND THERE.
SERPENTS MADE OUT OF CRYSTAL WERE RAISED..


WHOOSH
IN GREENERY.
TO FIRST COMPL-ETELY SURR-OUND...
THE PLACE NOW CALLED "THE CAPITAL"...
HE GAVE NEW NAMES TO THE PEOPLE
DEPARTING TO THE NEW WORLD ACCORDING TO THE DUTIES THEY HAD
AND MAINTAINED THE BALANCE OF THE WORLD
MEANWHILE, HE REMAINED IN THE UNDERGROUND AND VANISHED.
IN ORDER,
TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE WORLD,
HE BELIEVED ...
THAT "ROLES", AND "PEOPLE" TO FACILITATE THOSE ROLES, WERE NECESSARY.
THEN, THE PEOPLE WILL CLIMB UP
TO THE NEW WORLD
WITH HOPE...

A MAN WHO SEEMED TO BE A BLOOD RELATIVE OF HIS
CALLED "KINGEN" APPEARED.
...AS TIME PASSED,
GENERATIONS WENT BY, AND THE WORLD UP ABOVE SETTLED DOWN,
HE COULD HEAR A VOICE COMING OUT OF NOWHERE.
INDEED, KINGEN LOOKED QUITE LIKE HIM AND POSSESSED A SPECIAL POWER.
A MAIDEN NAMED "SHIGEKA"
WAS GUIDED TO A FOREST
WHERE SHE FOUND A CHILD SLEEPING INSIDE A TREE
AND THEN ONE DAY,
THIS GIRL
WAS LATER CALLED A "SANOME"
HE BELIEVED
THAT IT WAS A VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS,
AND BEGAN GUIDING THE PEOPLE
ACCORDING TO ITS INSTRUCTIONS

TO CREATE THE STONE PATH TREES AND WATER SERPENTS
"RAW MATERIALS" WERE NEEDED
...INCIDENTALLY,
THE MATERIALS WERE NOT ONLY "SOIL, STONES AND PLANTS
BUT ALSO "NOURISHMENT" FOR THEM TO GROW.
HE EVEN SACRIFICED HIS OWN BODY,
LEAVING BEHIND ONLY HIS SPIRIT,
THEN, IN A NEARBY ROCKY MOUNTAIN,
APPEARED A MONSTER CALLED "SENGIN"...
FIRST, HE CHOSE
YOUNG, HEALTHY, AND COMPETENT PEOPLE AND CHILDREN
TO PUT UNDER HIS PROTECTION
...THEY WERE ALL
PLANTED BY THE MAN WHO NOW CALLS HIMSELF "HOSHIMI-NOKOTO".
AND TOOK OVER THE DUTY OF WATCHING THE WORLD FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.
.. THEN, HE USED ALL THE REMAINING PEOPLE ..
...AS "HUMAN SACRIFICES" TO MAKE THE WORLD'S FOUNDATION.
THEY WERE THE STARTING SEEDS OF THE "AMATO EMPIRE".

TO HIM, ALL HIS ACTIONS SO FAR,
FROM THE START
UP UNTIL NOW,
HAVE BEEN SINCERE,
UNSHAKE-ABLE, PURELY GOOD INTEN-TIONS.
TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD.

GUIDING,
IMPARTING HIS KNOWLEDGE,
HE ALWAYS
FREELY USING HIS ABILITIES,
ASSISTING THEM,
AND WATCHING OVER THE PEOPLE,
DEVOTING IT TO THE PEOPLE.
GIVES HIS VERY BEST..
WATCHING OVER THE WORLD,
AND REGULATING IT
ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL.
BEFORE THE DISEASE SPREADS..
THE CONTAIGOUS DISEASE..
IT CAN'T BE CURED.
WILL SPREAD.
THIS VILLAGE
MUST BE DISPOSED OF

IT IS NECESSARY ...
IN ORDER TO SOMEDAY REDUCE THE INCREASE OF HUMANS.
I'LL MAKE IT GROW A LITTLE MORE.
SNNN
THERE IS A MAN-EATING TREE
DEEP WITHIN THAT FOREST
SNNNNN
...
OVER THERE...
A PRETTY FLOWER
THERE'S
I'LL PROVIDE IT WITH SOME NOURISHMENT....
THE PUPPET...
THAT PLUCKS THE USELESS BUDS IN THIS WORLD ...
IN HIS PLACE.
THE ONE THAT REGULATES LIVES
THE "DEATH GOD" IS THE ONE WHO ADMINISTERS DEATH IN THIS WORLD
SENGIN'S DUTY IS TO BE THE "DEATH GOD"
AND THE ONES THAT ARE "EVIL" ..
ARE THOSE THAT DON'T
FOR HIM, THE ONES THAT ARE "GOOD"
ARE THOSE THAT GO HIS WAY

ISN'T..
THAT WEIRD?
That tree
in this world, after all
is needed
IS THAT SOMETHING
FOR YOU TO DECIDE?
I created
this world, after all
A WORLD WHERE ALL THE NECESSARY AND UNNECESSARY THINGS
ARE DETERMINED BY HIS STANDARDS.
BY ELIMINATING ALL THE UNSUCCESSFUL
AND WORTHLESS ONES RIGHT FROM THE START
HE CAN FOREVER BE THE "RIGHTEOUS ONE"
AND THIS WORLD WILL FOREVER BE
A "WORLD OF SUCCESS", WHERE EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.

It's your
duty
WHY DO I
HAVE TO KEEP
KILLING PEOPLE
LIKE THIS?
It's your
duty
DO I
HAVE TO DO IT?
It's your
duty
WHY DO I
ALWAYS HAVE
TO BE THE
ONE
YOU
MANIPULATE?
I DON'T LIKE IT.
I
am fine with it,
so it's not a
problem.
I DON'T LIKE
IT
I
think it's
good
I DON'T LIKE
IT
I
approve
of it.

I did not create a soul for you.
...So...
YOU'RE SAYING...
THAT MY SOUL DOESN'T MATTER...?
THEN.
WHAT S
TH S SADNESS
I'M FEEL NG
RIGHT NOW?
...IS IT WRONG, THEN?
DOES IT NOT COUNT?
IS MY SOUL
NOT EVEN
MINE?
IF EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD
IS ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL,
WHAT EXACTLY...
AM I, THEN..?

That is your "duty"
You are a "Death God"
SLOSS
AT THE MEANING OF MY LIFE
I'M DEVASTATED
THAT'S
HOW I'VE BEEN BRAINWASHED.
LIKE I WAS BEING BOUND WITH ROPES.
EVERY TIME
IF I
HAVE TO BE SOMEONE ELSE'S PUPPET,
AND COLLECT THESE KINDS OF MEMORIES FOR ALL ETERNITY,
THEN ?
STOR
I CAN'T KILL HIM
I CAN'T MAKE HIM GO AWAY
HE IS
AN IMMORTAL "GOD"

Then I'll guide him, to the next location.
I'll summon the sanome.
to fix him, again.
It seems,
that his mind and body, can't.. bear the amount of memories.
He committed suicide?
He went mad...again
!
DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?!
CHIGUSA, ARE YOU OKAY?!
OUCH... NGH...
...I'M SORRY.
RAKAN...
HOW MANY OF MY MEMORIES ....
ONLY BITS AND PIECES OF IT, THOUGH.
UP UNTIL THE FIRST "SENGIN".
WHAT?
...DID YOU SEE...?
I'M... PROCES-SING THEM...
THEY'RE JUST GETTING ALL MIXED...
THERE ARE STILL SOME MEMORIES COMING OUT FROM DEEP WITHIN
...NO...
UP...

SO..
MANY...
PEOPLE..
I'VE ..
REALLY
KILLED
CHIGUSA .
YOU WERE MANIPULATED!
HOW MUCH
IT WASN'T YOU!
OF ME IS "ME"...?
WHERE
IS GOD'S THREAD CONNECTED...?
RIGHT FROM THE VERY START?!
IT WASN'T SOMETHING YOU DECIDED WITH YOUR OWN WILL!
WHERE
IS MY SOUL ?
THIS ISN'T GOOD, I HAVE TOO MANY MEMORIES RIGHT NOW
THEY'RE ALL MESSED UP
YOUR "BODY" WAS ONLY MANIPULATED
WHEN YOUR MIND WASN'T CLEAR!
!

WHEN THE EARTH DETERIORATED,
IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR THIS WORLD
THEY WERE PROBABLY "CONFIGURED" TO TURN INTO STONE,
IF THEY DID DIE NOW AND SUPPLIED WATER ABOVE GROUND.
THE MOMENT THEY GET NEAR ME.... THE "DEATH GOD"...
WHAT?
EVEN WHEN . I'M BEING MANIPULATED,
I'M STILL A "DEATH GOD"...
THE "SERPENTS" ...
. I REMEMBERED.
THE REASON WHY WATER SERPENTS TURN INTO STONE.
I GET IT NOW.
I CAN'T FEEL HIM... ANYMORE.
"YUKINOHA" TOO, WHO'S NEARBY....
AND PROBABLY...
"ASATSUYU" FROM THE VILLAGE ALONG THE WAY,
EVEN "UNOHANA"
"TSUKISHIRO" WHO CAME NEXT,
THE FIRST ONE NAMED "AOBI",
BY HOSHIMINOKOTO.
AND THE SERPENTS ...
ME
HE CREATED...AND "CONFIGURED" US TO BE.
THAT IS HOW...

...TO
MOST PEOPLE,
HE REALLY IS...
YES...
A HELPING "GOD".
HE'S GUIDING YOU FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT....
RIGHT NOW, ISN'T HE?
!
...SO...
THAT'S BECAUSE THAT'S THE FAVORABLE DIRECTION....
FOR THIS WORLD RIGHT NOW...
WHAT?
BUT...
HE'S OUR "ALLY"...
TO MOST PEOPLE....
....OH YEAH,
THAT'S WHAT A "GOD" IS,
THE PROBLEM ...
IS ONLY WITH ME.
THE PROBLEM IS. .WITH ME.
HE REALLY IS KIND ..
WHO FOLLOW HIS WILL..
TO THE PEOPLE...

I THINK .
IT'S STRANGE FOR IT TO BE LIKE THIS,
BUT OTHERS...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
DON'T THINK SO
MOST OF THIS WORLD
GOES ACCORDING
TO HIS WILL
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT,
WITH THIS WORLD...
IS "GOD"
THE PERSON I HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST
FOR THE PAST
1,000 YEARS
I CAN'T AVOID IT..
..HE'S NOT SOMEONE .
I CAN DEFEAT.

.....
IT'S OKAY, CHIGUSA.
.....
.....
.....
LISTEN.
.IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN'T AVOID IT.
...DON'T...
. I'VE ALWAYS FELT...
I GET IT NOW
OUT
OF PLACE.
TELL ANYONE.

I...
HUH?
GIRLS.
GET IT NOW...
...EVEN IF GIRLS...
RAKAN...
THE THINGS ...
...THAT ODD FEEL-ING.
I'VE BEEN FEELING ALL THIS TIME.
...IN THE OLD WORLD...
GO OUT WITH ME,
I...
LIKE HOW THEY LIKED ME, OR WANTED TO...
TOLD ME THINGS....
REALLY COULDN'T...
PICK ANY OF THEM.
...THE REASON WHY I WANT CHIGUSA...
THUMP

I MEAN...
IN THAT WORLD, I HAD ALWAYS...
FELT...
OUT OF...PLACE.
..HUH.?
I WOULD HAVE...
ABANDONED HER.
THAT'S HOW I HAD ALWAYS FELT...
WITH THAT WORLD.
IT'S LIKE
...I WAS INTRINSICALLY DISCONNECTED ...
I UNCONSCIOUSLY HAD THIS FEELING...
...THAT IF THAT HAPPENED, EVEN IF...
..LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THIS WORLD,
AND I
HAD TO GO THERE,
I HAD ALWAYS ...
I FOUND SOMETHING ELSE I NEEDED TO DO,
WONDERED.
WONDERED IF...

...I WAS SURE OF IT
I HAD A GIRLFRIEND.
I'D DEFINITELY BE OKAY WITH ABANDONING HER TO COME HERE.
I..
HAD FRIENDS....
AND I HAD CHILDHOOD FRIENDS THERE.
THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ...WERE KIND,
!
.. THEY WERE GOOD PEOPLE.
THE TEACHERS AT THE SCHOOL WERE GOOD PEOPLE.
BUT...
I THINK..
THAT'S WHY
I COULDN'T PICK ANYONE.
THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY DISAPPOINTING.

....THE TRUTH IS...
I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LIVE AS "NORMALLY" AS POSSIBLE.
ALWAYS AS NORMAL AS EVER.
THUD
BUT
BUT I.
WITH THAT WORLD...
FELT DISSATIS-FIED...
FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME,
WHEN I SAW YOU...
.MY HEART WAS RACING.

NOW I UNDERSTAND
THE FEELING THAT I HAD THAT TIME
...I THOUGHT
I BELIEVED...
THAT IF I FOLLOWED YOU, I'D SURELY...
THAT IT COULD BE POSSIBLE
RAKA...
TURN INTO SOMETHING NOT HUMAN.
I WANTED TO GO WITH YOU!
EVEN SO,
EXHILA-RATING...
IT'S...
IT'S EXCITING...
I...
LIKE IT

FOR A STORM TO RISE.
...FOR A STORM.
AND MAKE IT DANCE.
MY HEART
MOVE
FOR A WORLD THAT WOULD
ALWAYS
I'VE DEFINITELY
BEEN WAITING ...
*SFX whoosh
" I WANTED TO LIVE NORMALLY"
"BECAUSE SOMETHING IN ME,"
"DIDN'T WANT TO SUMMON A STORM."

I WANT TO FIGHT.

..IF, FOR EXAMPLE,

I'D DEFINITELY DO IT.

OR IF SOMEONE TOLD ME

I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE WHO WOULD WORRY

THAT IT'S OKAY TO RISK MY LIFE,

ABOUT ME AT ALL,

I WANT TO RISK MY WHOLE LIFE TO SOMETHING.

I WANT TO...

IF I CAN SAVE SOMEONE WITH IT

IF I CAN CHANGE SOMETHING,

WITH THIS HAND,

IF I CAN,

I WANT SOMETHING TO RISK MY LIFE FOR.

I WANT TO RUN AND ABANDON THE WORLD.

I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T THINK THIS

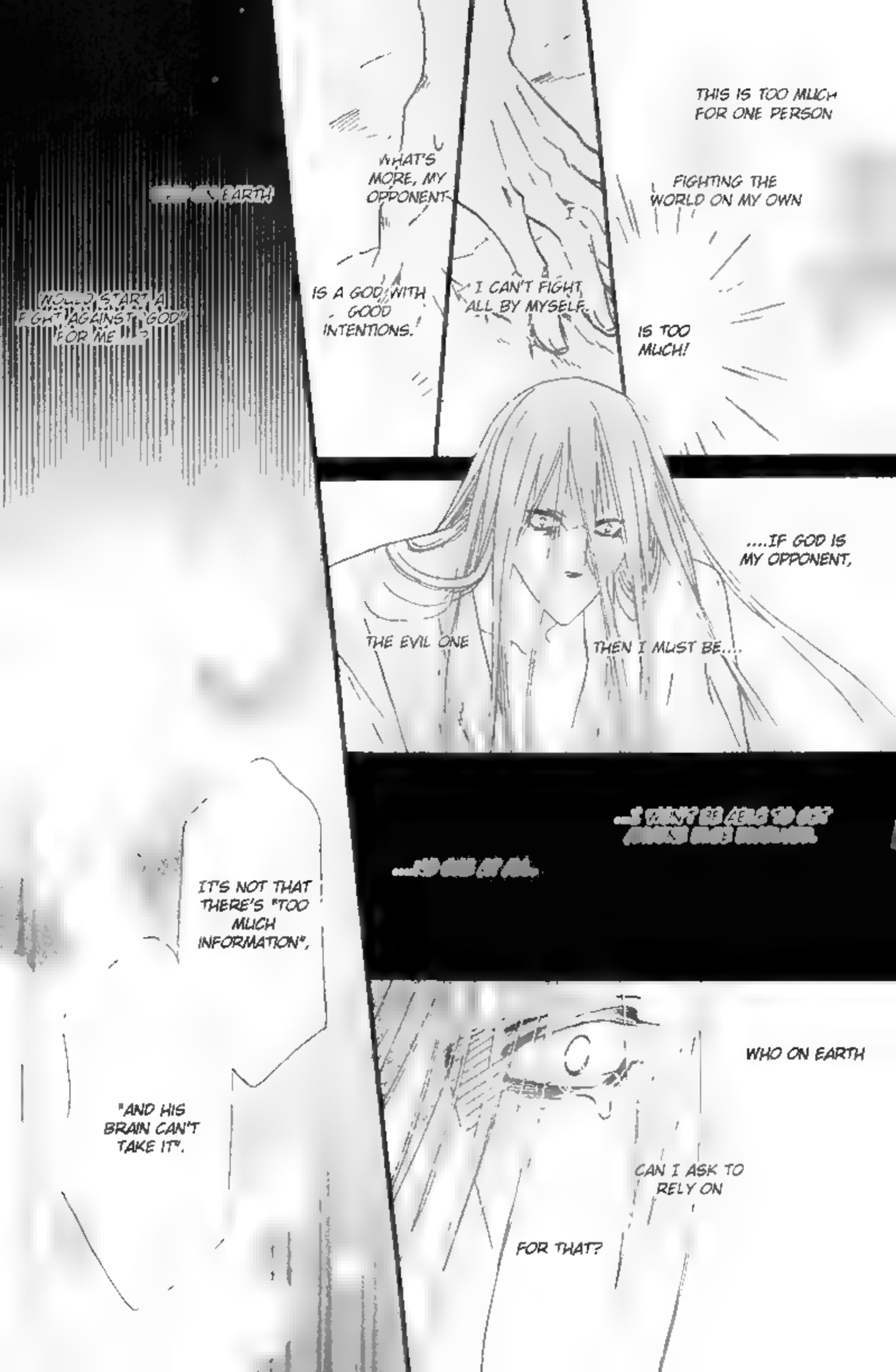
I COULDN'T FEEL SATISFIED!
AND YET,
....I WAS IN SUCH A KIND WORLD.
I EVEN HAD FRIENDS,
....I LIKED LOOKING AT THE SKY
ON MY WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL
...THE SUNSET....
BEFORE MY EYES...
HAD ALWAYS LOOKED LIKE....
NORMAL LIFE
IS BORING
IT'S ..
NOT ENOUGH.
I WANT TO FIGHT
I WANT TO FIGHT
EVEN IF MY OPPONENT WAS A GOD
IF I COULD,
I'D SET MY WHOLE LIFE ON FIRE!

A SEA OF BURNING FLAMES
IN THE SKY...
WAS MY DESIRE TO FIGHT.
MY TRUE NATURE.
...THAT STORMY FEELING...
THAT FEELING I HAD
WHEN I MET YOU

I WANTED...
TO GO WITH YOU...
I WAS SURE...
THAT...
EVEN IF I MIGHT DIE FROM IT.
...EVEN F
...I
WAS LIKE THIS,
YOU'D FIGHT TOGETHER WITH ME...!
I'VE
BEEN LONGING..
...FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME....
THERE ..
CHIGUSA,
I..
HUG
THIS.
THIS IS HOW HE'S BEEN FEELING
ALL THIS TIME.
....RAKAN!

AT ALL.
IT'S NOT WEIRD...
.....
FITTING IN ANYWHERE....
NOT TRULY....
YOU'RE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL FLAME.
...TO ME, YOU'RE ALWAYS. .
...SO STRONG.
HOW DO I GO AGAINST THAT?
HOW CAN I CUT THIS STRING OF FATE?
HOW?
I CAN'T GO AGAINST HIM...
MY OPPONENT IS "GOD"....
NO ONE UNDERSTANDS ME ?
WHEN
WHEN I'M THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN SEE THESE PUPPET STRINGS?


THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON
FIGHTING THE WORLD ON MY OWN
I CAN'T FIGHT ALL BY MYSELF.
WHAT'S MORE, MY OPPONENT
IS A GOD WITH GOOD INTENTIONS.
IS TOO MUCH!
EARTH
WOULD START A FIGHT AGAINST "GOD" FOR ME
....IF GOD IS MY OPPONENT,
THEN I MUST BE....
THE EVIL ONE
IT'S NOT THAT THERE'S "TOO MUCH INFORMATION",
"AND HIS BRAIN CAN'T TAKE IT".
WHO ON EARTH
CAN I ASK TO RELY ON
FOR THAT?

THE PROBLEM IS THAT
"THE MEMORIES ARE TOO PAINFUL AND HIS HEART CAN'T TAKE IT", YOU BASTARD!!
HE WAS
JUST LIKE
A FLAME
RAKAN
THAT FLAME...
IS YOUR FIGHTING INSTINCT.
YOU ALWAYS....
GET MAD FOR OTHERS.

HE DEFINITELY ISN'T
MANIPULATING MY SOUL
I AM THE ONE
WHO THOUGHT THAT THE FLAME
WAS BEAUTIFUL.
....OH, RIGHT I ..
MY SOUL....
WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, I WAS DRAWN
". .MOVE!"
"DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR THE FLOWERS?!"
BY YOUR STRONG EYES.
NOT BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE "FACE OF A SANOME"
I'M THE ONE WHO WANTED TO PROTECT IT TOO!
WHAT WE BOTH WANTED THE MOST
WAS SOMEONE WHO'D FIGHT TOGETHER
TO THE DEATH FOR US.
I'M GLAD I'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR 1000 YEARS.
WE WERE SEARCHING ..
FOR EACH OTHER.
...RAKAN,
FOR THE PAST 1,000 YEARS
I'VE ALWAYS.
BEEN SEARCHING TOO.

I'M GLAD THAT I'M THE ONE
YOU WANT
CAN I HAVE..
I'LL BE WITH YOU...
'TIL THE DAY I DIE
YOUR LIFE AND PERSON TOO?!
I'LL PAY WITH MY OWN!
...I'M GETTING YOUR LIFE.
OF COURSE YOU CAN!
WE GO AND START A FIGHT WITH GOD?
HOW ABOUT...
CHIGUSA,
IF WE WIN OR LOSE UNTIL WE TRY, RIGHT?
WE WON'T KNOW...

...THANK YOU.
THIS TIME
I FIGHT
...YEAH
NOBODY SHOULD EVER
MANIPULATE PEOPLE AS THEY PLEASE!
IT'S DEFINITELY ODD TO HAVE SOMEONE MANIPULATING...
OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND FATES!
AND SURPASS MY "SETTINGS".
I'LL OPEN UP ALL MY SENSES
*SFX: PLINK
THIS TIME, I'LL BE MYSELF.
I'LL STILL HAVE MY SOUL WHILE MY BODY RECOVERS....
THAT'S RIGHT
I'LL MAKE MY BODY
MORE USABLE
...I'LL MAKE MYSELF STRONGER
THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT
I'M THE ONE WHO CAN USE
MY BODY IS MIND TO CONTROL
ALL MY SO-CALLED "MONSTROUS" STRENGTH....
SO THAT I CAN PROTECT RAKAN!
twist

swish
IS IT OKAY?! IT'S A STRANGE COLOR..
WHAT? DID I DO SOMETHING AGAIN?
swish
I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM IN THAT COLOR BEFORE.
HUH?
AH! I MADE IT GROW AGAIN...
swish
...THE COLOR OF THE LEAVES ..
?
NO, IT'S NOT WITHERING ...
ITS COMPOSITION IS CHANGING.
THE COLOR OF THE LEAVES
CHANGED!
JUST LIKE BEFORE,
THE SANOME'S "POWER"..
OR SOMETHING TOOK ACTION?
....OR WAS IT BY MY WILL... ?
!
*SFX Throb
IT "CHANGED".
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
IT "EVOLVED" ?
IT CHANGED FROM A POISONOUS FLOWER
TO AN ANTIDOTE?
YES.

IT'LL BE OVER SOON .
IT'S JUST THAT I'M REMEMBERING DETAILED MEMORIES TOO
...YES, THIS IS ROUTINE...
ONLY A LITTLE MORE...LEFT...
!
DOES IT HURT AGAIN?!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
.....
YOU REALLY WON'T FORGET ANYTHING? .....RIGHT?...
CHIGUSA.
REALLY OKAY TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING?
.....IS IT...
...IT'LL BE OKAY
I WON'T GIVE UP ANYMORE,
I HAVE YOU
I...
DEFINITELY DON'T
NOT EVEN ON MY FUTURE.
FIGHTING WITH ME, AFTER ALL.
WANT TO DIE ANYMORE.
HE ISN'T MANIPULATING MY SOUL...
WHAT I'VE "FORGOTTEN" UP UNTIL NOW WAS MY WILL.

NOT EVEN THE UNPLEA-SANT MEMORIES I'VE HAD,
I'LL CARVE THEM ALL IN MY HEART.
OR THE THINGS I'VE DONE. NOT ANY ONE OF THEM.
THEY CAN BE SCARS
NOT MY MEMORIES OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TREATED ME WITH KINDNESS,
SWISH
I DON'T WANT TO FORGET ANYMORE!
NOT MY PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF YOU,
SWISH
"SETBACKS, FOR EXAMPLE, OR SCARS..."
".. ACCUMULATE DURING LIFE AND ALLOW YOU TO GROW..."
" SUCH THINGS "
...WILL MAKE ME STRONGER.
. IT'S FINE.
ACCUMULATING MORE SCARS...
FINALLY COMPLETE MY SOUL.
I'LL REMEMBER ALL MY MEMORIES,
AND FINALLY...

Snap
!
SILVER..
THIS IS MY WILL
MY SOUL
I'M NOT BEING MANIPULATED BY ANYONE
THIS TIME, I...
WON'T BE MANIPULATED ANYMORE!

*SFX Whoooosh

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I always read your feedback with gratitude ☆
Thank you to all those who always send me letters, etc. ☆
Thanks to those sending from other countries too!

Speaking of which, there has been a number of S*diamond symbol* comics published in other languages. If I'm not mistaken, at the end of the US editions Volume 4 are English annotations about "KumuTaku" and "Doraemon". That's right, of course they don't understand who those are. ..
It was a little amusing.

Well. I hope I see you guys in the next volume. ♥

Going out with an umbrella.

"THE PROPHESIES ALWAYS COME TO MY MIND
WHEN A HALO OF SHINING SAND APPEARS "
THE HALO...
APPEARS AUTO-MATICALLY...
Morning is not yet here
PRINCE...
...IT'S TRUE THAT I CAN SUMMON SHINING SAND.
AND MANIPU-LATE
BUT I'VE NEVER MADE THE HALO APPEAR ON PURPOSE...
"FROM THE SHINING SAND."
"HOSHI-MINOKOTO APPEARS"
FROM WHAT I HEARD THROUGH TOHJI'S EYES....
WHERE WOULD IT BE ?
IF I WAS GETTING THEM FROM SOMEWHERE
DO I REALLY HAVE THE "POWER" TO PROPHESIZE?

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING LIKE THAT
YOU WERE CONTROLLING THE SHINING SAND....
IN THE GARDEN UNDER-GROUND,
...WHEN I MET YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME
JUST LIKE MY LLUSIONS.
...IF HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MANIPULATING
"SHINING SAND" ALL THIS TIME,
BECAUSE I WENT "UNDERGROUND"
...IN THE FIRST PLACE...
...I MET AND FOUND THE PRINCE...
THEN COULD HE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY "HALO" TOO...?!
BECAUSE THERE WAS A DESCRIPTION OF A SECRET ROOM GOING TO THE UNDERGROUND IN THE LIGHT GREEN SCROLL.
I WENT "UNDERGROUND"
BY THE SAND FROM OUTSIDE.
...I FOUND THE "LIGHT GREEN SCROLL"
BECAUSE IT WAS CARRIED INTO THE ROOM

BY SAND THAT HAD SHINING SAND IN IT.....
BACK THEN, HE WAS MORE LIKE A PUPPET...
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S ONLY JUST RECENTLY
THAT THE PRINCE BECAME MORE EXPRESSIVE
WITH HIS FEELINGS.
..I DON'T KNOW
SOME-THING .
IS BLURRING MY MEMORIES
. .THAT TIME I THOUGHT
OF CUTTING MY NECK
TO PROTECT MYSELF.
THINK! LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER. .!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHEN EXACTLY .
DID I START HAVING MY OWN "WILL",
AND DISTINCT EMOTIONS?

...NO, THE MEMORIES ARE THERE...
I HAVE MEMORIES!
ONLY, THEY'RE LIKE A "RECORD" OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS.
THEY'RE FAINT.
IT'S AS IF THEY'RE SOMEONE ELSE'S MEMORIES..
...EXACTLY HOW MUCH OF ME IS "ME"?
COULD I REALLY HAVE BEEN MANIPU-LATED FROM THE START..?!
I HAVEN'T FELT ANYTHING BEFORE THAT...?
KINREI'S BETRAYAL
SERIOUSLY ME PISSED OFF
BEFORE THAT,
I WAS FURIOUS WITH THAT SANOME..
AND BEFORE THAT WAS THE TIME I MET MY BROTHER.
HE GREW A GUN FROM A SEED,
AND I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS "BEAUTIFUL".
AND "INTERESTING" AS WELL..

IF I REACH OUT DEEPER WITH THE CORE OF MY SENSES THROUGH OUR CONNECTED EYES,
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ HIS MEMORIES
EH?
I'LL GO LOOK..
FOR INFORMATION IN TOHJI'S HEAD
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION
SHUT UP!!
plink
USING THAT MUCH "POWER"...
PRINCE!
WILL TAKE A TOLL ON YOUR BODY....
CONCENTRATE...
IT'S THAT WAY...
THROUGH HIS EYES.
I'LL GET IN HIS MEMORIES...
THE PRINCE!!

SNAP
THUD
HOW DARE HE!!
PRINCE!!
A VOICE?
THIS VOICE...!
Fall
PRINCE?!
.. DAMN ..
THAT MAN...
THAT NUMBERED CHILD...

ALL TURNED SILVER!
THE LEAVES...
IN THE PAST ONE THOUSAND YEARS.....
I'VE NEVER SEEN
...A BEAUTIFUL SILVER SHRUB

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT THE EXCESS NUTRIENTS WENT TO MY HAIR.
MY BODY HAS RECOVERED
REALLY?
I'VE GROWN UP...
HOW COME?
...MORE IMPORTANTLY, CHIGUSA. .
HUH?
YOUR HAIR!
I THINK MY EYES
CAN SEE EVEN MORE CLEARLY.
CLEARER THAN BEFORE?
Even better?
MY FLESH AND BLOOD ARE ALL OKAY...
!
THE BRANCHES FROM THE WOUNDS
ARE COMING OFF
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
IT'S LIKE HE REALLY HAS TRANSFORMED,
OR EVOLVED...

AH...
THAT'S GREAT!
MY WOUNDS HAVE HEALED TOO...
....!
...RAKAN.
...CHIGUSA,
HOW ABOUT YOUR MEMORIES?
DO YOU REMEMBER EVERY-THING?
...IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
...YEAH.
NOW,
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ALL LINED UP IN ORDER
IN A BOOKSHELF DEEP INSIDE MY MIND..
THEY'RE ALL PROPERLY LINKED TO ME.

...YEAH...
...WITHOUT FOR-GETTING ANY THIS TIME.
SO I'M GOING TO CARRY ON LIVING WITH ALL OF THEM.
THESE MEMORIES ARE WHAT MAKES ME "ME",
...IT IS, BUT...
...IS IT PAINFUL?
...IT IS, ISN'T IT?
WITH ME, RAKAN.
...BUT IT'S MUCH EASIER,
NOW THAT YOU'RE CARRYING THEM
I'VE BEEN UNCERTAIN
OF MYSELF FOR SUCH A LONG TIME,
BUT I THINK I'VE PULLED MYSELF TOGETHER NOW
THANKS TO RAKAN.
...SERIOUSLY.
THANK YOU.

I SURELY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE "ME" EITHER
.....
I'M NOW ABLE TO BE "ME"
IF CHIGUSA
BECAUSE YOU
WASN'T THERE FOR ME...
...I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU,
WERE THERE FOR ME.
CHIGUSA.
YEAH.
LET'S GO, RAKAN.

OH YEAH! NARUSHIGE-SAN !
HUH?
TO THE OTHERS.
YEAH.
...AH...
WE HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT HOSHI-MINOKOTO TOO...
LET'S GO
TOGETHER
TO THE VERY END...!
THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANYBODY IN THERE...
INSIDE?
HE SAID THAT HE SENSED SOME-ONE IN THERE EARLIER.
!
CHIGUSA?

NARU-
SHIGE...?!
KOH!
HE'S
NOT
HERE
DASH
KOH!
NOT
OUTSIDE
EITHER...
shwip
WHAT?!
WHERE'S
NARUSHIGE-
SAN?
BAM
KOH!
clink
SILENCE
THERE ARE
GUN VINES
WOUND
AROUND THE
SWORD...!

HE CAN'T TURN BACK WITHOUT NARUSHIGE HERE...?
HUH?
MAYBE...
IT'S NOT TURNING BACK INTO KOH . ?!
HUH?
THIS...?
WHAT'S...
IT SEEMS THAT HIS "POWER"
REALLY HAS EVOLVED...
YOU CAN "SEE" IT? . .THE "DATA"?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THAT... I CAN SEE THE "DATA".
THE "SETTINGS"
WHAT?
HUH?
...NO, THE "BLUE-PRINT"?
THE "CIRCUITS"?

BZZ...
!
I GOT IT! I CAN MAKE IT GO BACK TO KOH'S FORM!
mutter
This is the transformation signal circuit so it should go over here
mutter
This is connected to this, so it should go to the 2nd wire
CHARACTERS..
OR RATHER THE CONFIGURATION BLUEPRINT.
YOU SEE CHARACTERS?
THE DATA IS DIRECTLY CONVEYED THROUGH THE DIAGRAM.
CLINK!
WHY WERE YOU LEFT HERE...?
KOH, WHERE'S NARUSHIGE? WHAT HAPPENED?
Rakan!
Youre back"
KOH!
Ougiya!

KOH...?!
drip
drip
I TOLD HER TO WAIT QUIETLY OVER THERE,
BUT...
EH?
YEAH.
SHE'S IN A PLACE SHE CAN HIDE IN EASILY.
IS KURO SAFE?
AO TSUBAKI WAS KILLED
I'M PRETTY SURE SENROH SAID THAT HE'D TURN BACK EVEN IF HE FALLS APART,
BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE SHOULD DO...

ZAKURO TRANSFORMED ONCE...
IF THEY DON'T COME BACK EVEN WHEN SUMMONED, THEN I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY HOPE FOR THEM .
BUT IT'LL BE THE SECOND TIME THOSE JAMON STONES WILL BE TURNED INTO "PUPPETS" ..
I SEE...
.....
I DON'T KNOW UNLESS WE TRY BUT...
WHAT ABOUT THE JAMONS? WILL THEY... TURN BACK?
They're crushed into pieces..
"HE'S A DEATH GOD"
YUKINOHA-SAMA'S TURNED INTO STONE TOO...

"SENROH'S ROLE...
IS TO ADMINISTER DEATH IN THIS WORLD."
"HE IS A DEATH GOD."
.....
ITS COLOR IS CHANGING.
?
snap
snap
!
!
rustle
WHAT THE?! THE LEAVES FROM THE CAVE...
...SILVER?!
IT TURNED INTO A SILVER SHRUB. ?!

RUSTLE
HEY, EVERY-ONE!
AH?!
...RAKAN'S COMING OUT!
EH?
I CAN SEE "INSIDE" IT NOW...
YOU ALL SAFE?!
HOLD ON A MINUTE. SORRY, BUT BEFORE THAT,
SEN .
RAKAN!
HUH?! YOUR HAIR?!
CHIGUSA! IS THERE SHINING SAND HERE?

PLEASE!
BONE NET BRANCHES,
SHUIP
THIS PLACE IS FINE...
OKAY!
COVER UP THE SAND OVER THERE!
COVER UP ALL THE "SHINING SAND"
AMONG THE SAND...!
WHOOSH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
SEN-ROH?!
Is that you?
AND YOUR HAIR...
SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU.
...GATHER UP, EVERY-BODY!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
RAKAN!
EH?
ME TOO?
WE DON'T WANT ANYONE OUTSIDE THE FOREST TO HEAR THIS.
SENROH'S BACK?!
HE SAID HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY
I HAVE SOME THINGS I NEED TO TELL YOU GUYS...

WASN'T HE IN THE CAVE WITH YOU. ?
EH?
...WHERE'S TOHJI?
...I KNEW IT ..
...MY EYES ARE CONNECTED WITH THE PRINCE'S.....

THE INFORMATION HE HAS
ON HOSHI-MINOKOTO
PRINCE!
IF I REACH OUT DEEPER
I CAN HEAR HIS VOICE FIRSTHAND.
!
I CAN SEE A PICTURE AGAIN IN MY MIND...!
...THIS VOICE IS
...THE PRINCE!!

SLASH
PRINCE...?!
AH
FALLS
throb
!
.....!
THE CONNECTION.
IT'S BEEN CUT OFF...!
THAT MAN
THAT NUMBER CHILD !!
THUD

I HEARD HIM.
DRIP
CUT OFF NOW.
LOOKS LIKE THE CONNECTION'S
UNDERSTANDS WHAT THIS MEANS.
HE PROBABLY...
...“THAT NUMBERED CHILD,” YOU SAY?
SERVES YOU RIGHT, PRINCE.
...A DISPOSABLE TOOL
YOU WERE CARELESS
YOU THOUGHT I WAS JUST A TOOL DIDN'T YOU?
I DO HAVE A HEART, A WILL, AND A BRAIN THAT THINKS!
NUMBERED CHILD OR NOT, I'M NOT YOUR TOOL!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!
I'M A LIVING HUMAN BEING.

I CAN DO THIS MUCH,
IF IT'S TO PROTECT RAKAN...

HIS EYES ARE WOUNDED
WHAT DID HE DO? ...WOUNDS?! WHERE?!
GET ME WATER!
GOT IT!
TOHJI...?!
splash
I'LL WASH THE WOUND..
SENROH! WATER!
TOHJI, STAY STILL.
...CHIGUSA...
HUH? HIS HAIR...?
!
Haaa...
Raka... n....?
TOHJI!!

FSSH
Fwish
!
cut
A BANDAGE.
SENROH?!
IT SHOULD MAKE THE WOUND HEAL FASTER
THAN A NORMAL CLOTH COULD.
YEAH.
THAT YOU, CHIGUSA. .?
CHI-GUSA. .
WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHO DID THIS-
I DID...
EH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'M OKAY! NOW YOU!
...YOU'RE OKAY NOW?!
THAT'S GREAT...

MY EYES...
I'M SORRY...
WERE CONNECTED...
TO THE PRINCE'S.
I DID IT.
EH?
I'VE BEEN CONNECTED
WITH THE PRINCE FROM THE VERY START...
FROM THE MOMENT HE HEALED MY EYES.
I SAW...
A PICTURE OF K.NREI IN MY HEAD.
IT WAS FROM THE PRINCE'S POINT OF VIEW.
I HEARD HIS VOICE TOO.
...I REALIZED IT...
JUST A MOMENT AGO...
SORRY I NOTICED IT LATE...

...I WAS THROWN TO RAKAN'S WORLD,
AS A PROXY FOR THE PRINCE'S "EYES".
...THAT WAS MY "USE"...
...THE PRINCE HAD BEEN ALWAYS BEEN...
WATCHING US UP UNTIL NOW...
THROUGH MY EYES...
SORRY, I REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE.
I...
TOH...
IT'S OKAY!!
IT IS!
TOHJI...!
...TOHJI.
RAKAN.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...!
touch...
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T NOTICE...

CHI-
GUSA,
IT'S OKAY.
I MEAN...
I DIDN'T EVEN
NOTICE EITHER.
AH...
BUT I REALIZED
IT IN THE END.
EH?
CUTTING
MY EYES
CUT OFF THE
CONNECTION..
I
KNOW...
HIS...
AYAME
POWERS
TOOK
DAMAGE.
THAT
THE PAIN
WAS
PASSED
ALONG
TO HIM
TOO...
I
GAVE
HIM...
A LITTLE
PAYBACK.
MY
EYES .
AREN'T
CONNECTED
TO THE
PRINCE'S
ANYMORE...
IT'S ALL
RIGHT.
...I'M
FINE
WITH
THIS.
TOHJI
DID THE BEST
HE COULD.
HE'S
DONE
WELL.

WHAM!
OW!
KAZUHI?!
WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM...?
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY!
GOOD JOB,
TOHJI.

YOU PROTECTED
OUR PRINCE WELL.
I'M PROUD OF YOU, TOHJI.
KAZUHI...

GOOD...
JOB...
SNIFF
...BUT NEXT TIME..
SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS,
SNIFF
YEAH...!
TELL ME, YOU IDIOT!
...GOT IT?
...YEAH.
.....

FLASH...
fwip
I SAW...
SOME-THING...
EH?!
!
...AH.
AH, I SEE!
MY THIRD EYE.
...TOHJI,
LET ME LOOK...
AT YOUR EYES...
MAYBE...
EH?
.CHI-GUSA?

THE AYAME PRINCE
...LOOKS LIKE.
...CHI-GUSA?
DIDN'T FIX TOHJI'S EYES AFTER ALL.
HE CONNECTED HIS OWN "AYAME" SENSES
TO TOHJI'S EYES,
AND ACTUALLY MADE THEM SEE LIKE HIS DOES.
stare
....
WHAT?
TOHJI MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE.
MY "SENSE OF SIGHT" LIKE HE DID,
...SO, IF I CONNECT
I don't get it
.....
...EH?
IF THE AYAME PRINCE DID IT,
...WHAT, REALLY?!
I'LL TRY IT!
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT TOO...
...SENROH!

YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR POWER,
BUT YOU CAN'T CONTROL OTHER PEOPLE'S.
Sorry
AH, I SEE....
MY THIRD EYE
HAS POWERS SIMILAR TO THE AYAME'S, DOESN'T IT?
YEAH, BUT...
CAN'T IT
CONNECT BETWEEN ME AND TOHJI?
KAZUHI...
.....
AH,
CHI-GUSA!
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
I SEE,
LIKE WITH KOH EARLIER...
YES, IF I CAN SEE SOME SORT OF CIRCUIT, THEN MAYBE..
SO DOESN'T THAT MEAN
THAT OTHERS COULD "CONNECT" TO EACH OTHER TOO?
ISN'T THERE A "WAY"?
EARLIER... HOSHI-MINOKOTO SAID
THAT A PICTURE.. OR A STRING IS CONNECTED BETWEEN OUR MINDS.

BZZ
twist
pull
.....
IT...
KIND OF LOOKS LIKE HE'S TYING STRINGS.
I CAN'T SEE THE STRINGS THOUGH.
tugs
YEAH...
BTTZ

TOHJI, HOW DOES IT LOOK IN YOUR MIND?
YEAH. DISTANCE DOESN'T MATTER TO THIS "WIRE".
WILL IT BE OKAY EVEN IF WE'RE APART?
THEY'LL PROBABLY UNITE FULLY AS TIME PASSES.
THEY'RE FUSING TOGETHER AND BECOMING ONE...
THE KNOT OF THE CIRCUITS IS SLOWLY SETTLING.
.....
I SEE.
.. AH,
THE BLACK IN THE MIDDLE IS LIGHTENING A BIT...
.....
ANYWAY,
BUT...
THAT'S GOOD...
phew
WELL, THAT'S OKAY.
phew
...IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE INCONVENIENT FOR YOU THAN BEFORE TWO THOUGH...
THE LIGHT IS SLOWLY COMING BACK.
DOES EVERY-THING... SEEM OKAY?
PAT.

HUH?
MIYA!
SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GET SOME PAIN RELIEVING HERBS?
OK
YOUR EYES ARE WOUNDED, TOHJI,
SO REST NEXT TO KAZUHI.
Rest over there then.
'KAY...
!
...CHI-GUSA,
RAKAN,
...WHERE'S NARU-SHIGE?

....
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE INSIDE THE CAVE..
EH?
HUH? HE'S RIGHT.
WHERE'S NARU-SHIGE?
.....
SAE-CHAN,
GUYS,
...CALM DOWN AND LISTEN.
NARU-SHIGE...
WAS TAKEN AWAY BY KINREI'S COMRADES.

GUYS,
WE NEED TO TELL YOU ABOUT.
A FEW THINGS
GATHER UP
...WE HAVE ..
...EH?!
WHAT?!
...EH...?
About the days ahead
About Hoshi-minokoto
About Chigusa
About Haruna ge-san

AND THE USUAL BLEAK WORLD
ENVELOPED IN BLACK CLOUDS HAS COME

...EVERY-
THING
FELL
APART.
IN
JUST
ONE
NIGHT...!
...IF ONLY...
IF ONLY THE SUN WOULD APPEAR
IN THE MORNING, DURING THESE
TIMES, THEN PEOPLE WOULD COME
TO HOPE AT THE MORE

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WHY...
WHY'S SHE HERE?
WHAT HAS... SHE COME FOR?
DO THEY KNOW ABOUT CHIGUSA'S WOUNDS?
DON'T TALK!
PUT AWAY YOUR SWORD!
SLIDE
PLOP!
!
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
MIRROR VINES...
BAN-
BANG
BANG
BANG

TSK... AN UNBREAKABLE SWORD, HUH.
OH NO!
OH WELL,
IT'S PROBABLY USELESS LIKE THAT...
KOH!
EH?
...NOT GOING TO RETREAT?
AND YET
...THERE'S SOMETHING...
IT'S A BIT BRIGHT IN THERE.
THERE'S THE EXIT.
WIND
THERE'S LIGHT.
IS COMING FROM BACK THERE.

IS IT THE SANOME CHILD?
!
YOU NEED TO PROTECT BEHIND YOU, ISN'T THERE?
THEN, ALL THE MORE REASON...
TO HIDE IT FROM THEM!
THEY DIDN'T COME HERE KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO CHIGUSA...?
THEY DON'T KNOW THAT CHIGUSA HAS COLLAPSED.
...NARUSHIGE
...
AM I RIGHT?
THEN I'LL KEEP MY HANDS OFF THE SANOME PRINCE.
IF YOU DO AS I SAY,
...PUT DOWN YOUR SWORD.
FLINCH

WHAT'S SHE...
EH?
PLANNING...?
?
...S-SO
WHAT...?
...YOU CAN HEAR...
THE PRINCE'S VOICE, YES?
IT'S BECAUSE...
YOU HAVE KINGEN BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS.

YOUR FATHER...
IS KINGEN KENJOU-SAMA.
...WHAT?
...WHAT?
KINJOU-SAMA HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU.
KINREI-SAMA HAS GIVEN HIS CONSENT, AS WELL
YOUR BLOOD IS PRECIOUS... COME BACK WITH US.
KINREI-SAMA...
IS YOUR OLDER BROTHER.
COME BE OUR ALLY.
WHAT...
PUT AWAY...
YOUR SWORD.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING...
WHA...

I WILL...
GIVE YOU A SWORD SNAKE.
FLINCH
IT'S A DEAL.
I PROMISED THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT TIME,
I'M WAY TOO DIFFERENT
FROM RAKAN-KUN.
"BUT SHE WAS ALWAYS SMILING..."
"MOTHER"
"WASN'T REALLY A PERSON OF MANY WORDS."

AFTER ALL,
YOU ARE KINGEN-SAMA'S CHILD BY BLOOD
YOU CANNOT STAY HERE.
DON'T LISTEN TO HER!
SHE'S TRYING TO SHAKE ME...
THAT'S...
...WITH HER WORDS.
I WONDER...
IF THEY'LL STILL WANT YOU..?
YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO REMAIN INDIFFERENT ABOUT IT.
ONCE THEY LEARN THAT YOU'RE THE "ENEMY'S" BROTHER,
I MUST NOT...
THAT
IS...
LISTEN TO HER.
"I WILL"
"YES."
"RAKAN-KUN WILL BE OKAY."
"...EVEN BY HIMSELF."
"SAVE CHIGUSA...!"

COME.
YOU, CHILD, ARE NEEDED.
SHWIP
THUD
clatter
swip
THUMP

SWORD SNAKE.
THUMP
TELL SENROH AND THE SANOME..
HE WAS FULL OF OPENINGS.
LET'S GO, SHIGE-YUKI-SAMA
tchik
YES.
KINGEN CHAMBER.
CAPITAL, FIRST FLOOR
WHOOSH
SOUTH-WEST BY WEST
NARUSHIGE!!
...NARUSHIGE!
FWOOM
...
NARUSHIGE!!

KINREI'S
YOUNGER BROTHER...?
...
...
NARUSHIGE IS...
EH...
...
EH?
HOW COME?
HE'S FROM THE SHIGEKA FAMILY, ISN'T HE?

DOES IT?
is he a "kingen"?
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S A "KINGEN", TOO?
EH? OH, I SEE...
NO, BUT...
NO, HE'S NOT A KINGEN...
THEY DON'T ALLOW BRINGING IN NEW BLOOD.
THEY ONLY HAVE WOMEN IN THE FAMILY
BUT THEY HAVE TO PRODUCE CHILDREN,
SO THEY PICK MEN
FROM OTHER FAMILIES WITHOUT MARRYING THEM TO DO JUST THAT.
HUH? CAN'T THEY BRANCH OUT?
NO, DIDN'T WE TALK ABOUT HOW THAT'S NOT ALLOWED TOO?
IF THEY TOOK IN *PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE FAMILY*, THE KINGEN'S VALUE WOULD GO DOWN...
IN OTHER WORDS, NARUSHIGE IS A "VALUABLE MAN...
FOR BEING ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE NOWADAYS WHO HAVE KINGEN BLOOD
IN THEIR VEINS,", HUH...
BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING ON MAKING HIM THEIR ALLY?
WHY WOULD NARUSHIGE-SAN LET HIMSELF BE TAKEN AWAY SO EASILY...?
THAT'S WHY HE WAS TAKEN?

IF ONLY...
I WAS TAKEN ALONG WITH HIM...!
KOH...!
THAT ASIDE, NARUGHIGE ...
LOSES HIS MIND WHENEVER HE MEETS SHIGEYUKI-SAMA.
I THINK NARUSHIGE ...
WAS PROBABLY THINKING THAT HE CAN'T LET THEM KNOW...
.BUT
THAT CHIGUSA WAS UNCON-SCIOUS IN THERE...
SWORD SNAKE ..
..THE ENSUI MAN TOLD ME...
THIS MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCE
TELL SENROH AND THE SANOME
YOU'RE A TALKING SNAKE, AREN'T YOU?
CONSIDER HIM OUR HOSTAGE.
YOU CAN ENTRUST NARUSHIGE TO ME.
SHE SAID
!
"LET'S FIGHT," HE SAID
"I'M WAITING AT THE CAPITAL "

WELL, HE DID TELL RAKAN TO COME TO THE CAPITAL.
IS THE SAFETY...
OF A "HOSTAGE" REALLY ENSURED?
KINGEN BLOOD IS PRECIOUS AFTER ALL . RIGHT?
IT'S PRIZED BLOOD AFTER ALL.
...ENSUI...
HAD A GUN, BUT HE HAD NO "INTENTION TO SHOOT".
...IF THAT'S WHAT MOTHER SAYS..
...THEN MY BROTHER WILL DEFINITELY BE FINE.
IF THEY WERE PLANNING TO KILL HIM,
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE THE EFFORT TO TAKE HIM WITH THEM....
...HE COULD HAVE TAKEN NARUSHIGE AWAY...
MUCH FASTER IF HE SHOT HIM.
EH?
MY MOTHER...
...WASN'T...
IF SHE CAME...
ALL THE WAY *HERE* TO GET HIM,
WHEN HE DISAPPEARED FROM THE CAPITAL.
WORRIED ABOUT MY BROTHER... AT ALL...
SAE-CHAN...

P/O/P
SO...
THINGS OF USE AND VALUE.
IS THE TYPE...
OF PERSON THAT TREASURES...
...MY MOTHER...
THEN I THINK . THAT SHE REALLY NEEDS HIM.
SAE CHAN...
...I REALLY...
REALLY DON'T WANT...
...MY...
TO BELIEVE ..
THAT MOTHER IS LIKE THAT, BUT ...
POOR BROTHER!
I'M SURE...
BEING TREASURED THAT WAY...
DOESN'T MAKE HIM HAPPY
AT ALL...!

NARUSHIGE-SAN, I'M SORRY...!
OF ALL PLACES...
TO MEET YOUR MOTHER...!
SAE-CHAN, I'M SORRY...!
PRINCE!
BUT... THAT'S...
I LET NARUSHIGE-SAN GO IN THERE BY HIMSELF.
WILL DEFINITELY SAVE NARUSHIGE..!
...SORRY, SAE.
WE...
THEN HE WOULDN'T...
SORRY, SAE...
I SHOULD HAVE...
HAVE BEEN ALL ALONE.
...GOTTEN SOMEONE TO SWITCH WITH ME.
CHIGUSA-SAMA...

TOHJI,
RAKAN,
...NOTHING YOU SAY NOW WILL HELP.
SENROH'S RIGHT... THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
...
YOU'VE...
TOHJI-SAMA...
HAD A ROUGH TIME YOURSELF,
AND YET YOU'RE STILL WORRYING ABOUT MY BROTHER...
ALL ALONE IN THE CAPITAL,
AND HE'S MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN I THOUGHT...
...HE'S...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO .?
LET'S HEAD TO THE CAPITAL,
AND SAVE NARUSHIGE!
KAZUHI!
YEAH!
...HE'S RIGHT.
MOVE QUICKLY, GUYS!
...

EH?
...I DON'T THINK HE IS ALONE ..
MY BROTHER IS...
BY...
HIMSELF RIGHT NOW, BUT...
LISTEN...
MY BROTHER IS...
MY BROTHER...
HAD ALWAYS BEEN ALONE IN THE CAPITAL UNTIL NOW
EVERYONE ALWAYS CALLED HIM THE "ILL OMEN".
THERE HASN'T BEEN
ANYONE ELSE THERE FOR HIM ASIDE FROM MITAMA-SAMA,
AND KOH-SAMA.
ABOUT MY BROTHER...
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW
I'M REALLY PLEASED...
TO SEE PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH...

...SO, WELL...
I THINK...
MY BROTHER FEELS THE SAME WAY.
HE'S ALL ALONE RIGHT NOW,
BUT I DON'T THINK HE IS, IN SPIRIT.
I'M SURE...
HE THINKS THAT HE'LL MEET YOU ALL AGAIN. .
HE BELIEVES IN ALL OF YOU.
HE'S BY HIMSELF,
BUT HE'S NOT ALONE!
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ..!
...YES,
SAE-CHAN!

HAKUBI,
DO YOU HAVE THE AYAME PRINCE'S BLOOD?
THE JAMONS WERE KILLED... OVER THERE.
WHAT DO WE DO...?
YES, I STILL HAVE SOME LEFT
.....
Akiichi and you guys, come with me
'Kay'
OKAY...
BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.
TRY AND SEE IF THEY'D RETURN TO THEIR FORMS.
YES,
OVER HERE... LOOK!
AO'S BEEN TORN INTO PIECES TOO?
IS THE PROBLEM.
...WELL, HOW WE'RE GETTING THERE..
PLEASE DON'T GET DISCOURAGED. WAIT FOR US...!!!
BELIEVE IN US.
WE'LL DEFINITELY GET NARUSHIGE-SAN BACK...!
...NARUSHIGE-SAN,
PLEASE...

KAZUHI...
...I'M SORRY.
HMM?
KAZUHI, STAY WITH TOHJI OVER THERE.
LET HIM REST.
HERE, SLEEP ON MY SHOULDER.
You're injured, after all.
GOT IT.
I'll leave the rest to you.
...OKAY...
...
...I'M SORRY...
I'VE CAUSED.
FOR ALL THE TROUBLE ..
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
IT'S NO TROUBLE!
GOOD THING I HAVE MY THIRD EYE.
So was everyone else!
SMACK
UGH, YES.
I'M SORRY.

WHY I WAS ABANDONED...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S..
...
I'M REALLY GLAD, YOU KNOW,
THAT I HAVE MY THIRD EYE.
I NOW SHARE EYES WITH YOU.
THANKS TO THIS EYE,
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p
KAZUHI...
I'M GLAD,
THAT I WAS BORN WITH AN EYE LIKE THIS...

YEAH...
BUT HE ENDED UP TURNING INTO STONE...
HE WENT BACK FROM A BLACK SERPENT TO A WHITE ONE,
!
THIS IS...
YUKINOHA?
I SEE.
...I'M SORRY.
IF YOU HADN'T COME NEAR TO ME,
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE...
TURNED INTO STONE THIS EARLY...
SORRY TO YOU TOO, UNOHANA.
AS EXPECTED...
CHIGUSA...

...LET'S MAKE A GRAVE LATER.
ONE FOR UNOHANA-SAMA TOO,
YEAH...
RAKAN...
WHOOSH...
...
WHOA...
AO TSUBAKI!

I'LL TAKE A LOOK.
...
AS I RECALL, KARAKU-SAN DID RECITE SOME SORT OF INCANTATION BEFORE THEY TURNED BACK...
That's what Tohji and the others said, right?
YOU SAID IT WAS AN "IMMORTAL BIRD"...
BUT WILL IT REALLY TURN BACK?
WHOOSH...
YES, I CAN SEE THE DATA.
THE STONE... THAT ACTS AS IT'S HEART IS THIS ONE.
The one that sends verbal orders & this circuit, so it's storage box of word sets open with these
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
WHAT'S HE DOING?
...IT'S LIKE HE'S READING A MANUAL.
Kanji.
THERE IT IS!
WHAT'S THERE?
THE WORDS FOR THE INCANTATION IS... LET'S SEE...
"REVIVE",
"TSUBAKI".

clatter
"YOU ARE STITCHED WITH CELESTIAL THREADS."
"ARISE LIKE THE LIVING*.....!"
clatter
clatter
AH!
THEY'RE FLOATING!
THE LEAVES ARE MOVING!
clatter
"YOU ARE IMMORTAL BIRDS."
"THE EVERLASTING LEAVES ARE YOUR UNBREAKABLE WINGS."
*TN: Another translation for "Arise like cicadas": "Cicadas are symbols of reincarnation in Japan because they come back every summer
Ohh
YOU OKAY?!
AO!
FLAP
THANK GOODNESS...!
OVER THERE!
WHERE ARE THE JAMONS?
Yes thanks to you
HUG

YOU'RE RIGHT.
...MOST OF ITS "POWER" IS GONE.
THEY CAN'T TURN BACK LIKE AO TSUBAKI DID THEN?
YES... THE JAMONS' MAKEUP...
IS MUCH SIMPLER,
SO THEY DON'T HAVE A "RETURN INCANTATION" SETTING.
THESE STONES WERE KINREI-SAMA'S PUPPETS IN THE FIRST PLACE...
AND IT'S THEIR SECOND TIME TRANS-FORMING INTO PUPPETS.
MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MORE "POWER"...
IT'S NO GOOD!
...THEY DON'T MOVE EVEN WHEN I SUMMON THEM.
"CERTAIN STONES"...
IT'S SOMETHING LIKE GEMS .
"POWERED STONES"?
SHOULD WE FIND SOME?
YOU MEAN THE TYPE THAT SPARKLES?
I STILL HAVE SOME OF THE AYAME PRINCE'S "BLOOD".
IF WE HAVE SOME "POWERED STONES",
I THINK WE COULD MAKE MORE OF THEM AGAIN..
SERIOUSLY, HOW ARE WE GOING TO TRAVEL. ?
WE CAN'T TAKE OUR TIME WALKING THERE...

THERE ARE OTHERS? ANIMALS LIKE KURO...?
YES.
THERE SHOULD BE SOME SLEEPING BEASTS LIKE KURO SLEEPING UNDER THE EARTH AND ROCKS
I HOPE I CAN WAKE THEM UP AND NEGOTIATE WITH THEM THOUGH.
...I'LL TRY...
UNDER-GROUND?
LOOKING FOR SOME IN THE NEARBY UNDERGROUND.
THEY'RE BURIED UNDERGROUND.
LEFT UNCHECKED AFTER BEING MADE.
THEY WERE DISCARDED ALL OVER THE PLACE...
LIKE THEM IN THE PAST.
HOSHIMINOKOTO MADE ALL SORTS OF MIXED BEASTS
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT, SENROH...?
WHEN?
...OH, SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW ARE YOUR MEMORIES?
OH, HOSHI-MINOKOTO-SAMA MADE THEM?

!
CHIGUSA...
WE SHOULD PROBABLY WAIT.
...
YES.
YOU REMEMBER YOUR PAST?
OH YEAH, YOUR MEMORIES.
ALL OF IT?
ABOUT HOSHIMINOKOTO...
ABOUT HIM BEING BURDENED WITH THE ROLE OF A "DEATH GOD"....
ABOUT CHIGUSA BEING THE FIRST "SENGIN"...
HOSHIMINOKOTO EVEN MORE.
WE NEED TO STOP THE AYAME PRINCE,
BUT CHIGUSA AND I...
WISH TO STOP. .
...BUT. .
TO BE HONEST,
...RAKAN...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START,
AND
WHERE TO END THE STORY.

IF WE TALK ABOUT IT NOW,
WE WOULD ONLY MAKE EVERYONE WORRY.
TO COPE WITH...
HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED...
STOPPING A "GOD"...?
HE'S A "GOD"...
THAT CAN APPEAR IN ANY PLACE...
WE PROBABLY...
UNTIL WE AT LEAST FIND SOME WAY TO DO IT.
SHOULDN'T TELL THEM ABOUT IT...
THAT HAS SHINING SAND...
...IS THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TELL US?
RAKAN,
CHIGUSA,
IS IT...
REALLY OKAY TO GET THEM INVOLVED...?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

EH? "DEATH GOD"?
!
WE DON'T CARE THAT SENROH'S A "DEATH GOD"...!
NO IT WON'T!
...THAT'S NOT IT.
MMPH
AKIICHI, YOU IDIOT!
IT MIGHT MAKE YOU UNEASY.
IT'S JUST THAT
EH?
EH? HOW COME? YOU KNOW...?!
...YOU TOO, SENROH?
YES.
HOW DID YOU KNOW...?
YOU KNOW TOO, RAKAN?
THAT THE SERPENTS DIE...
IN THE ORDER THAT THEY COME NEAR TO YOU.
...THE SERPENT TOLD US .
THAT YOUR ROLE IS A "DEATH GOD" ..
ABOUT IT.

EH?
SO WE WERE ALL TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD DO.
BUT IT TOLD US...
THAT SENROH DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT...
AND WE WONDERED WHO EXACTLY DECIDED...
...AFTER ALL, ONCE SENROH KNOWS ABOUT IT,
IT'S JUST WEIRD, ISN'T IT!
ON HAVING A DEATH GOD.
HE'D BE FEELING SORRY FOR HIMSELF.
...SO, WELL...
BEFORE WE TELL YOU
BUT OF COURSE WE CAN'T JUST KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT...
SO WE DISCUSSED THAT WE'D WAIT AND SEE.
IT DOESN'T MAKE US UNEASY.
SENROH...
WE DON'T REALLY MIND.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT,
in other words,

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS AFTER ALL!
...EVEN IF
DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELVES!
IT'S BAD NEWS,
YOU GUYS...
SO,
YOU CAN TELL US ANYTHING,
YUUGO!
RAKAN, SENROH...!
IT'S OKAY.
TELL THEM ANYTHING.
OH,
THAT'S RIGHT...
WE CAN...
SUDDENLY PUT THEIR GUARDS UP.
AH, THEY ALL...
...THANK YOU, GUYS!
!
.....!...

glance
glance
?
RINRAI-SAN?
WHAT?
IT'S...
THERE'S SOMEONE CALLING OUT...
HUH?
"MITAMA'S STONE."
PERHAPS IT'S SOMETHING ONLY DEAD PEOPLE CAN HEAR...
ITS BODY IS PRACTICALLY DEAD
IS THIS
THE VOICE OF ITS HEART..?
WHAT'S IT SAYING?
WELL...
YUKINOHA-SAMA..?
HUH? CAN'T ANYBODY HEAR IT? ...NOT EVEN YOU, SENROH?
NOPE.
NO.

I SEE... THAT ORB...
MIGHT HAVE SOME "POWER".
SAE-CHAN, SHOW IT TO US!
OH, YES!
"STONE"?
...YOU MEAN IT'S TELLING US TO USE IT FOR STONE PUPPETS?
IT'S SAYING SOMETHING LIKE...
MITAMA-SAMA'S STONE?
"USE MITAMA'S STONE!"
THE ONE SAE-CHAN HAS...?
REALLY? THEN...
YES... IT'S OKAY. IT DOES HAVE "POWER".
...WAIT. IT'S STILL...
SAYING SOME-THING...
"BEYOND THE CLOUDS"..?
YEAH.
IT'S ALREADY DEAD .. RIGHT?
It turned into stone
IT GAVE US ADVICE...
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE STONE PUPPETS WITH THESE.
eh
THANKS, YUKINOHA-SAMA...!
...!
PHEW

SENROH,
"BEYOND THE CLOUDS"?
SEEMS LIKE IT'S SAYING THAT TO YOU.
YOU MENTIONED THAT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
THE SERPENT TOLD US IT CAN'T SEE IT
Earlier
WHAT'S BEYOND THE CLOUDS.
...YEAH....
IN THE PAST.
THAT IT COULD FEEL THE POWER OF "GOD'S REALM", OR SOMETHING...
EH?
IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO...

THE "CIRCUIT" LIGHTS I COULDN'T SEE UP UNTIL NOW...
THEY'RE LIKE EXPLANATORY DIAGRAMS...
THIS BODY HOSHIMINOKOTO CREATED TRANSFORMED.
f w i p
THE "POWER" OF MY EYES HAS CHANGED.
SEEING AS I CAN SEE ALL SORTS OF
"EXPLANATORY DIAGRAMS", THERE'S A POSSIBILITY...
...THAT THIS WORLD IS ARTIFICIALLY-MADE!
HOSHIMINOKOTO'S INFLUENCE ON IT HAS PROBABLY LESSENED...
THE NEVER BEFORE SEEN...
IT'S PROBABLY.
SHRUB THAT TURNED SILVER...
BECAUSE RAKAN SHARED HIS SANOME POWER WITH ME...
IN THIS WORLD...
SEEING AS THERE ARE EXPLANATORY DIAGRAMS...
IT'S A CRAFTED WORLD.
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ARE THEY ..
THE SAME AS HOSHIMINOKOTO'S PUPPET STRINGS...?
I CAN SEE THEM!
IN THE CLOUDS...
THERE ARE POWER STREAMLINES
...THREADS...?
WIRES.

THAT LIGHT AT THE BACK IS..
THE LIGHT STREAMS OUTWARDS FROM THERE.
WHERE IS THAT PLACE?
AND UNDER IT IS..
THE SOURCE OF THE "POWER" GOING OUT.

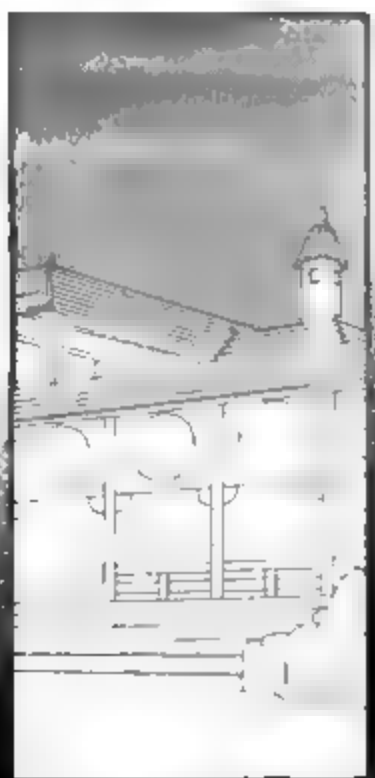
THIS IS
THE INSIDE OF MY MIND, HUH
IT'S PRETTY MUCH AN ABYSS
THIS IS A ROOM OF MEMORIES.
OH YEAH.
I USED TOO MUCH OF MY "POWER"
KINREI'S GOING TO SCOLD ME AGAIN.
THE EYE CONNECTION WITH TOHJO TOHJI WAS CUT...
I PASSED OUT
THAT'S KINREI WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER...
I CAN SEE.
PAST MEMORIES FROM THE WINDOWS
THE DEEPER I GO, THE FURTHER I GO BACK, HUH.
MY BODY...
BUT I NEED TO RESEARCH ABOUT HOSHIMINOKOTO!

...
MY OWN MEMORY
THEY'RE SOMEONE ELSE'S VISUAL MEMORIES
IT'S ALMOST LIKE
NOW THAT MY "CONNECTION" WITH TOHNO TOHJI IS CUT,
I NEED TO FIND ANOTHER LEAD
I LOOK DEEPER IN THESE MEMORY IMAGES?
IF..
WON'T I FIND SOME NEW INFORMATION
I WAS BEING MANIPULATED BY SOMETHING
IF..
HMM?
HE'LL DEFINITELY PROTECT ME !
IT'S OKAY
..BUT THAT WOULD MEAN USING THE POWER OF MY "EYES"
I WONDER IF MY BODY'S ALL RIGHT...
NO, KINREI WOULD DEFINITELY
GET THE SANOME WOMAN TO FEED ME

IT'S LOCKED?
IT'S ANOTHER ROOM OF MEMORIES.
IT'S DEEP WITHIN MY MIND
THERE'S A DOOR
BACK HERE?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S INSIDE MY OWN MIND?!
..EH? HOW COME?
IT WON'T OPEN
...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
I WOULDN'T LOCK ANYTHING IN MY OWN MIND
DOES THIS MEAN
THAT I'VE BEEN "MANIPULATED"?
..AT ANY RATE,
IF I BREAK THIS.
IT'S A ROOM OF MEMORIES I DON'T KNOW ABOUT

IF I OPEN THIS DOOR, I'M SURE
THERE'S INFORMATION ABOUT MYSELF THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT //

...
GASP!
WHERE AM I.....?!
N... NN...



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KINREI'S KIMONO...!!

◆ SILVER DIAMOND ® / END ◆

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Discovery #1

NO, WELL, I...
DON'T REALLY MIND HEARING THE STORY...
.....
.....
THAT'S RIGHT. SORRY
OH YEAH.
HEY, HOLD ON A MOMENT
RAKAN-KUN'S NOT GOOD WITH HORROR STORIES, REMEMBER?
We shouldn't
It does make me curious. However, I'd rather not hear about the specifics, so could you please provide a brief account of the story in just a few keywords?
LET'S SEE. THEN...
HE SPOKE IN AN ODDLY FORMAL WAY.
RAKAN'S SQUEAMISH,
BUT HE'S STILL ASKING ABOUT IT FOR SOME REASON
How interesting
"A YOUNG MAIDEN", "HEART-BROKEN",
"STONE WELL", "DROWNED",
"EVERY NIGHT", "GIRL CRYING"
Ah, a WELL-TYPE, huh.
WELL-TYPE?
I'LL BE OKAY. IT'S PRETTY CLICHÉ.
Cliché ?

WHAT?! BUT THERE IS NO WELL IN THE GARDEN?!
IT WAS IMMEDIATELY BURIED UNDER STONES AND SOIL.
EVER SINCE THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT ON TOP OF IT, A GHOST APPEARS EVERY NIGHT...
HE SPOKE IN BROKEN JAPANESE.
THAT'S IT! THEY HUSHED IT UP BY "SWEEPING IT UNDER THE RUG"! OF COURSE THE GHOST... MS. GHOST WOULD GET MAD!
HE ADDED "MS.".
You're used to it?
YES, I'LL BE OKAY. IT'S ORDINARY.
I'M USED TO WELL-TYPES, SO YES, I'LL BE OKAY.
I WONDER...
WHAT OTHER TYPES THERE ARE...
IT'S...
AH!
A STORY THAT HAPPENED IN THIS MANSION.
Ohhh~
Scene of the Crime.

.....
...AND IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT ONLY HAPPENS TO ME, THE OTHER GUYS DEFINITELY WON'T WAKE UP FOR SOME REASON AND I'LL BE THE ONLY ONE DRAGGED INTO THE WELL'S DIMENSION.
IT'LL WITHOUT A DOUBT BE THE TYPE TO BRING OUT ITS HANDS STRAIGHT UP FROM THE PILLOW'S SIDES.
...WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I SLEEP IN THE ROOM ABOVE WHERE THE WELL WAS BURIED?
IF I'M UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO PUT MY PILLOW RIGHT ABOVE THE WELL,
OH, WAIT. CAN THE BELL TREE'S EFFECTS REACH INSIDE THE HOUSE?!
ISN'T THE INSIDE OF A FUTON CONNECTED TO THE WELL'S DIMENSION?
currently doing some sort of simulation

Embarrassed.
SLEEP WITH ME TONIGHT...?
Argh...
... PLEASE...
CAN ANYONE...
HEY...
...
clench
THIS IS IT.....!!
HUH, WHAT IS IT?!
He probably thought that it was a very clever move on his part...
HE GOT SURPRISINGLY CARELESS AT THE END.
HE UNINTENTIONALLY CRIED OUT LOUD.
IS IT THE WELL'S LOCATION?!
flinch
LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE TONIGHT THEN, SHALL WE?♡
Then it won't be scary anymore♡
'Kay.
All's well that ends well.
Tsk...

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SO TODAY WE'LL PUT THREE FUTONS TOGETHER.
I'LL SLEEP TOGETHER WITH TOHJI AND RAKAN-KUN IN THE CENTER.
YEAH! THANKS!
Let's sleep together!
YEAH!
YOU'LL BE AT EASE IF I SLEEP ON ONE END, RIGHT?
THAT'S GREAT!

3 FUTONS
T R N
I'll have fun with Tohji.
Can't be helped.
HE'S THE ONE BESIDE ME, DOESN'T IT?!
You anticipated this, didn't you, Narushige....
...WAIT A MINUTE! OI! BUT THAT MEANS...
Okay~
All right, let's go to sleep!

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